

Town Hall
New Castle, Delaware
New Castle Co.

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District No. 9

Historic American Buildings Survey
Albert Kruse, District Officer
Old Town Hall, Wilmington, Del.

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TOWN HALL
Newcastle, Newcastle County
Delaware

Owner: Trustees of Newcastle Common.

Date of Erection: 1823; about 1820 ¹.

Architect: No record.

Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Three; wood cupola.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text. ¹

Additional Data: See following page.

¹ See Bennett, G.F., Early Architecture of Delaware, pp.42, 43; White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, [1926], vol. xii, no. 1. plate lxxxii; same, vol. xvi, no. 6, p. 334. [1930].

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According to the Historic Markers Commission of Delaware this building was erected 1823 by the Trustees of New Castle Common. The Trustees records show the sum of \$3600.00 to have been borrowed between July 1825 and September 1826 for "building Town Hall". In March 1828 the caretaker Thomas Turner was ordered to purchase fuel, candles, candlesticks and snuffers for the accommodation of the Trustees meetings and public meetings of citizens. In 1832 the New Castle to Frenchtown Railroad established its terminus here. The fire engine company was also housed here while the farmers held a market under sheds in the rear of the building until the sheds fell into decay and were removed about 1880. The upper rooms were used for city and frequently court purposes.

The building is still under the management of the Trustees of New Castle Common and is used for public gatherings, a butcher shop and barber shop on the first floor and office of the tax collector on the second.

References--Historic Markers Commission, Historic Markers in Delaware, 1933.

Records of Trustees meetings supplied by Patrick McGory of New Castle.

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Addendum to:
Town Hall
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